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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S PLANNED VISIT TO U.S.

REF: DAKAR 6811

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION
FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO SEOUL AND SENGHOR'S REITERATION
OF PLAN TO GO TO U.S. IN SPRING, 1975, AUTHORIZATION IS
REQUESTED TO INFORM SENEGALESE PRESIDENT HE WOULD BE
WELCOME IN U.S., AND USG WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE
CURTESIES. END SUMMARY.

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1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR SUNG KOO CHI HAS DELIVERED

ROK INVITATION TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR STATE VISIT TO SEOUL. SENGHOR INDICATED TO CHI THAT VISIT TO ROK MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THIS SPRING AROUND TIME OF PLANNED TRIP TO U.S. AND STATE VISIT TO MEXICO.

3. DURING ENGLISH LESSON JAN 6, SENGHOR REITERATED TO EMBOFF FACT THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED PEN CLUB INVITATION FOR U.S. VISIT THIS SPRING.

3. BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED ABOVE AND FOR REASONS DETAILED REFTEL, I FEEL URGENCY OF MAKING SOME PRELIMINARY COMMENT TO SENGHOR ON HIS REPEATED STATEMENT TO ME OF HIS PLAN AND DESIRE TO VISIT U.S. HE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO PORTUGAL A/O JAN 27. AS HE HAD INDICATED DESIRE TO DISCUSS U.S. VISIT WITH ME PRIOR TO DESPATCH OF REFTEL, I SHOULD REQUEST APPOINTMENT SHORTLY.

4. WOULD DEPT AUTHORIZE ME TO CONVEY TO SENGHOR MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: I HAVE REPORTED TO USG H S DECISION TO ACCEPT PEN CLUB LECTURE INVITATION. AS HE IS ESTEEMED IN U.S. BOTH AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN AND OUTSTANDING INTELLECTUAL, PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME IN AMERICA, AND I AM AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT USG WOULD FACILITATE HIS VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULE FOR SPRING AND SUMMER NOT YET DETERMINED. IT MIGHT INCLUDE TRAVEL OUTSIDE U.S., BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S MORE PRECISE TIMING AND PLANS FOR VISIT. END OF PROPOSED MESSAGE.

5. I WOULD HOPE THAT WHEN SENGHOR'S SCHEDULE IS ESTABLISHED, A WASHINGTON VISIT, INCLUDING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, COULD BE SCHEDULED. A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF U.S., PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS AT THE APOGEE OF HIS POLITICAL AND CULTURAL INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD, AND A MEETING BETWEEN U.S. AND SENEGALESE CHIEFS OF STATE AT THIS TIME WOULD SERVE MUTUAL INTERESTS.

6. DEPT IS REQUESTED TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO SEOUL
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